

Board of Selectperson's Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2011

Attendance: Robert Dunphy, Edwin Thebarger, Charles Taylor, Elizabeth Pratt, Wayne McLaughlin, Amanda Morrill, Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo, Mike Witham

1. Call to Order--C. Taylor called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3.1 Approval of the July 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes (3-0)

3.2 Reviewed Warrant #15--Selectpersons had question about the line to pay Scott Leahy, looks like payment was entered twice and indeed was entered twice so that check was voided and a new one issued for just one months payment.

4. Appointments & Resignations--NONE

5. Department Officials Reports

5.1 E-911--C. Taylor stated that E. Ketchum would attend the next Selectperson's meeting and would have a bill for signs. E. Ketchum talked to someone in Augusta about the sign on the Katie's Crotch Road that keeps coming up missing. They suggested a hunting camera to see if it would capture who keeps taking the signs, but there are no trees around to be able to do that.

Selectpersons suggested maybe possibly changing the name of the road at the next town meeting.

R. Dunphy said that he ran into an issue in regards to Lakefront Drive. He had a car full of women stop by his house late one Saturday night looking for this road. He kindly showed them to the road and helped them locate the camp that they were looking for but found it to be very difficult because it seems that the numbers run backwards. C. Taylor said that he would call E. Ketchum to see if she could please fix the numbering on this road since it would be difficult for Emergency workers to locate an address on this road.

5.2 Winter Roads Contractor--No Report

5.3 Animal Control--C. Taylor found a report in the Clerk's bin and reviewed her request for payment. She has had a few calls.

5.4 Board of Assessors--E. Thebarger reported that they sent out 200 info letters and received quite a few back. He said he still had 75 that had not been returned, so he would have to go out and check these properties. He also stated that the tax commitment probably will not take place until the end of September.

C. Taylor asked R. Dunphy whether any other towns had complained about paying the county tax a month early. R. Dunphy stated that no other towns had a problem with that.

5.5 Planning Board—L. Mayo stated that things are going quite well, they have been sending applications back that are incomplete and have incorrect measurements. They are still missing an alternate. C. Taylor asked if anyone was interested in that position or if anyone knew someone that would be interested. No response from the audience.

5.6 Plumbing Inspector (LPI)—L. Mayo stated that everything is going good, and septic systems have been going in.

5.7 Board of Appeals--No Report

5.8 Code Enforcement Officer--R. Dunphy stated that he has been real busy. He did 3 site

evaluations the previous Wednesday. They had so many applications last month that they had 2 meetings to get through the 13 or 14 building applications that they had received.

5.9 Health Officer--No Report

5.10 Road Commissioner--M. Witham reported that everything is going good. He did some grading and resurfacing on the Getchell Road and the end of the Slipp Road. Also did some ditching and resurfaced the Ellis road with recycled materials. M. Witham also reported that he did some volunteer work on the East Shore Road by A. Bridges house because material was washing into and across the road, so he used his excavator to put in some water bars to prevent that from happening again.

M. Witham stated that the town should look into a road entry ordinance because as it stands now if someone is to put in a driveway and doesn't get approval from the road commissioner there is nothing the town can do or say about it.

M. Witham stated that R. Giguere has been working on getting the road edges mowed. M. Witham also said that he spoke with B. Emery about getting 4/10 mile of road engineered and learned that it would cost \$40,000 so therefore decided against doing that. M. Witham said that he would like to pave the Fahi Pond Road. There was also a complaint on the Embden Pond Road where someone went to back into the road and ripped their exhaust off M. Witham said he would check into it and see what would need to be done.

5.11 MSAD #74--The school amount for this year is \$1,435,026 which decreased the monthly amount by \$9,000 from last year.

E. Pratt made a motion to move to 9.1, motion was 2nd by W. McLaughlin and approved 3-0. 9.1 Open Public Forum--E. Thebarger informed everyone that the dam at the boat landing was now property of the towns they just were waiting for the deed and paperwork to be sealed. E. Thebarger has been trying to get in contact with the gentleman from the Armory but has been unsuccessful. E. Thebarger was going to work on getting more details and would report back once he had more information.

E. Pratt made motion to move to 5.12, motion was 2nd by W. McLaughlin and approved 3-0.

5.12 Recreation Director--No Report

5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer--A. Morrill stated that there were several people in this past week looking for Town Reports. W. McLaughlin said that there were a couple of boxes in the back room at the Community Center and would bring them over to the Town Office.

5.14 Tax Collector--R. Blake reported that she had sent 92 30-day notices and had collected \$14,000 but still had \$84,000 to collect for 2010 taxes.

5.15 Withdrawal from MSAD #74 Fact Finding Group--W. McLaughlin reported that they had not had a meeting so therefore he had nothing to report.

5.16 Community Center--W. McLaughlin reported that things were going well, they have been having events, the Thrift Shop is doing well and they have a spaghetti dinner/Dance scheduled for 8/20. W. McLaughlin also had an estimate for repairs to the gym.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors--No Report

6. Old Business

6.1 Town of Embden Policies--C. Taylor reported that the Selectpersons have been working on some this year and would get some input from the townspeople about some ordinances to discuss at town meeting.

6.2 Repair of Community Center--W. McLaughlin received an estimate from W. Atwood for some minor repairs that need to be addressed in the gym.

7. New Business--NONE

8. Correspondence

1. Received check from State for reimbursement for Sand/Salt Shed \$79,536.66 and need to decide which account to apply the money to.

2. URIP--Selectpersons signed and A. Morrill faxed so the town can get the money since it was due on 8/1.

3. AMS--Yearly amount is \$14,085

E. Pratt made a motion to allow R. Blake to get the mail from the post office on 8/2/11 so that R. Dunphy would get any building permits that had come over the weekend motion was 2nd by W. McLaughlin and approved 3-0. A. Morrill gave R. Blake the key to the post office.

10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405)--NONE

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting is Monday, August 15, 2011

11.2 Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda L. Morrill
Deputy Clerk